

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1795**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1795

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Application No.: 10/784,303

Examiner: M. MERKLING

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Docket No.: 118837

For: CATALYST-CARRIED FILTER, EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM USING
THE SAME, AND CATALYST BODY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 24, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO 00/01463 to Hoj et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,384,110 to Muramatsu et al.; and rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hoj and Muramatsu and further in view of EP 1018357 to Loncke. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The previous Request for Reconsideration asserted that the Office Action fails to establish a reason why one of ordinary skill would combine the porosity intended for a coating of catalyst to a portion that is intended to be free of catalyst.